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HAVING AN IN-PLANE NONUNIFORM STRUCTURE

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Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

Please amend the above-identified application as noted below:

In the Claims

Kindly cancel claims 2-7 and 11-19.

Please amend claims 1 and 8-10 as follows:

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- A<sub>1</sub>* 1. (Amended) An electrochemical fuel cell assembly comprising:
- a first separator plate having a pair of oppositely facing major planar surfaces, and first and second ports;
  - a second separator plate having a pair of oppositely facing major planar surfaces, and third and fourth ports;
  - a membrane electrolyte interposed between said first and second separator plates;